

The Great Commission Wall

Building His Church—The Commission Wall: Part 1

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1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Wall #1: Βασίλειο (Basaleo) — Kingdom

- Key Verse: **Matthew 16:18-19**
- **Attributes:**

Wall #2: κοινωνία (Koinonia) — Fellowship

- Key Verse: **Acts 2:42-47**
- **Attributes:**

Wall #3: ἐκκλησία (Ekklesia) — Set Apart

- Key Verse: **1 Peter 2:4-5**
- **Attributes:**

Wall #4: μάρτυς (Martus) — The Great Commission Wall

- Key Verse: **Acts 1:8**
- **Definition:**

Homework for the weeks ahead — read side by side:

Acts 21-28 (8 chapters in all) **2 Corinthians** (all 13 chapters)

- **Commissioned with a** _____

2 Corinthians 3:1-3: The letter is engraved on your heart
Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? ² **You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone.** ³ *You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*

- **Commissioned as a new** _____

2 Corinthians 3:6
*He has made us competent as **ministers of a new covenant**—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

- **Commissioned under the authority of the** _____

John 20:21-23
Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.



Digging Deeper

(for group study and conversation, and for personal reflection)

Today we are studying the “Great Commission” Wall as we are Building His Church.

Step 1: Review the sermon *(10 minutes)*

Begin with a quick review of the three previous walls of His Church from today’s message. Make sure to repeat and understand the attributes that make each theological wall significant. Discuss as a group the Greek word, **Martus (μάρτυς)**, that describes the Great Commission.

Step 2: Bible study as a group *(30 minutes)*

Divide up your group for this study, depending on the group size. Assign 1 or 2 passages for each group to study. At the end, take time to report back to the whole group what you’ve learned.

- Acts 1:3-8
- Matthew 9:35-39
- Isaiah 6:8-13
- Acts 21:10-14
- 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

For each passage, discuss:

- What does this passage say about being a **commissioned witness**?
- What is the message we have to share when being the **commissioned witness**?
- Why would we go to another place to be a **commissioned witness**?
- How does being a **commissioned witness** match up to the heart of God, according to this passage?

Step 3: Personal application *(20 minutes)*

Using 2 Corinthians 3:1-3 as a backdrop to answer the following question. Do some soul searching:

As I grow in my understanding and application of Christ's commissioned people, is my life a letter that truly represents Christ?

Personal Challenge: Reading and reflection

Over the next 6 weeks, read simultaneously and side by side:

- Acts 21-28 (8 chapters)
- 2 Corinthians (all 13 chapters)